

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31
By McNally

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Jerry Nelson of LaFollette ; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Nelson was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, the son of Lee and Mildred Nelson, Jerry Nelson was a native of La Follette; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of LaFollette High School, Jerry Nelson was a standout on the varsity football team; and

WHEREAS, because of his profound love for football, Jerry Nelson coached Little League football for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Nelson devoted his life to a sterling career as an auctioneer; he was a licensed Tennessee auctioneer as well as a valuable member of the National Auctioneer's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nelson was a partner in the Ayers Realty Company, and he was the General Manager of the Hickory Homes in Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Nelson was an active and devout member of the Coolidge Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, despite the demands placed upon him, Jerry Nelson still found time for civic and community affiliations, including astutely serving on the LaFollette Medical Center Board from 1990-1994; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Nelson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Debra Ayers Nelson; he was the proud parent of son Josh and daughter Nikki; and had two sisters, Teresa Green and Sherry Muse; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Jerry Nelson leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Jerry Nelson, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Nelson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.